



Congressman Bill Thomas

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Thomas Announces Funds for Clinica de Tolosa Dentistry Program

Congressman Bill Thomas announced that the *Clinica de Tolosa* Dentistry for Children program, a non-profit clinic operated by the Partnership for the Children of San Luis Obispo, which provides dental care to low-income and uninsured children, will receive \$50,000 in federal funding. The funds were included at Thomas' request in the conference report, or final version, of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005.

The clinic plans to use the funds to purchase equipment, including a mobile anesthesia unit, as well as to make improvements to its examination room. The clinic's mission is to provide care to children aged 3-13 years, many of whom have never seen a dentist, who have extensive and severe dental disease.

"It is hard to overstate the importance of the work being done at *Clinica de Tolosa* to provide quality, professional dental care to hundreds of children very much in need," said Thomas. "I greatly appreciate the clinic's work and was pleased to be able to help them secure this funding."

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005 will now be sent to President Bush for his signature.

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For additional information, you may contact Dr. Jack Pedersen, Volunteer Chairman of the Board of Clinicia de Tolosa at (805) 544-8111 or Michelle Vanderlind at the clinic at (805) 238-5334.